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## 1-13. (CANCELED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, particularly a handgun, said projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), said nose (11, 21) [[is]] being essentially conical in shape and comprises comprising at least two hollow areas indentations (14, 24) disposed essentially symmetrically in relation to one of [[an]] a respective longitudinal axis of said projectile [[or]] and [[an]] a respective longitudinal axial plane of said projectile, said hollow areas being each indentation having a curved profile from a first edge to a second edge symmetrical with respect to one of the respective longitudinal axis of the projectile and the respective longitudinal axial plane so that said projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of said projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of said projectile.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein a base of said hollow areas indentations (14, 24) is round[[ed]].

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 15, wherein the hollow areas indentations are formed of two curvilinear planes whose intersection is defined by a radial ridge.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 14, wherein the nose (11) comprises a flat central portion (13).

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The projectile (10) according to claim 17, wherein a diameter of said flat central portion (13) generally ranges from 10 to 50% of a diameter of the projectile (10) at a base of the nose (11) and preferably ranges from one-fourth to one-third of the diameter of said projectile (10).

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The projectile (10) according to claim 14, wherein the nose and said cap further comprise a cavity (15).

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 19, wherein the cavity (15) is designed to receive a blocking means (16).

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21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein the projectile is entirely made of soft metal.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 21, wherein the projectile is made of copper.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 20, wherein the blocking means (16) is made of hard metal.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 23, wherein the blocking means (16) is made of steel.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10) according to claim 20, wherein the cavity (15) comprises a central zone (15b) that is at least partially threaded and said blocking means (16) is a bolt partially engaged in said central zone (15b).

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 14, wherein the projectile is formed of a piece of brass.

27. (NEW) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, the projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), the nose (11, 21) being essentially conical in shape and comprising at least two indentations (14, 24), and each indentation being disposed symmetrically in relation to a longitudinal plane bisecting the projectile along a central longitudinal axis of the projectile, each indentation having a curved profile from a first edge to a second edge symmetrical to the longitudinal plane, and each indentation tapering toward the nose (11, 21) so that the projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of the projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of the projectile.

28. (NEW) The projectile (10) according to claim 27, wherein the leading central portion (13) of the nose (11, 21) is flat.

29. (NEW) The projectile (10) according to claim 28, wherein a diameter of the leading central portion (13) of the nose (11, 21) generally ranges from 10 to 50% of a diameter of the projectile (10) at a base of the nose (11).

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30. (NEW) The projectile (10) according to claim 27, wherein the nose and said cap further comprise a cavity (15).

31. (NEW) The projectile (10) according to claim 30, wherein the cavity (15) receives a blocking member (16).

32. (NEW) The projectile (10, 20) according to claim 27, wherein the projectile is manufactured from copper.

33. (NEW) An ammunition projectile (10, 20), for a firearm, having diminished penetration into a soft medium, the projectile (10, 20) comprising a nose (11, 21) and a cap (12, 22), the nose (11, 21) having a flat leading central portion (13) and being substantially conical in shape and comprising a plurality of indentations (14, 24), and each indentation having a curved profile and tapering toward the nose (11, 21) with a leading edge of each indentation being spaced from the flat leading central portion (13) so that the projectile, during trajectory of the projectile through air, is sufficiently slowed so as to diminish penetration of the projectile into a soft medium without significantly altering a trajectory precision of the projectile.